

HIGHLIGHTS

Community Services Block Grant Information System (CSBG/IS) Statistical Report, FY 2003

FY 2003 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Network Resources

In the FY 2003 CSBG/Information System Survey, 51 states (including Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia) reported that:

- Their CSBG local networks were made up of **1,080 local eligible entities**, of which nearly 88% were Community Action Agencies (CAAs);
- The local agencies used CSBG funding for their core operations and for developing and coordinating programs to **fight poverty in 96% of the counties** in the U.S.;
- The network's **funding from all sources** totaled more than **\$9.3 billion**;
- Nearly **\$589 million** was from the federal Block Grant **to support the core activities** of the state and local CSBG network, and
- **Volunteers provided more than 42 million hours of additional support** that was worth \$217 million, if every hour donated was valued at just the minimum wage of \$5.15. This was the equivalent of about 20,224 full-time employees.

CAAs used FY 2003 Block Grant resources to leverage state, local and private funding:

- Every CSBG dollar was matched by **\$14.84** from all other sources, and
- **\$5 of that match came from state, local and private sources**; this figure includes the value of the volunteers' hours. In fact, the network's private funding alone exceeded FY 2003 CSBG resources.

FY 2003 CSBG Program Participants

CSBG/IS data on CAA program participants indicated that in 51 states, the CAAs provided services to:

- As many as **19% of persons in poverty** in 2003;
- More than **13 million individuals** who were members of almost **6 million low-income families**. Slightly more than 4 million families provided income data. Of these,
 - Almost **2.9 million families had incomes at or below their federal poverty guideline**, including at least
 - **1 million families who were "severely poor,"** with incomes below 50% of their poverty guideline, and
 - Another **1.8 million families with incomes between 50% and 100% of their poverty guideline**;
- More than **3.5 million children**;
- Almost **1.4 million families headed by single mothers**;
- More than **1.7 million** adult program participants **with less education than a high school diploma**;
- More than **418,000 TANF participant families** in FY 2003 CAA programs, or 18% of monthly TANF caseloads in the states reporting, and
- More than **1.7 million "working poor" families** who relied on wages or unemployment insurance and who collectively made up nearly 50% of all local agency program participants.

